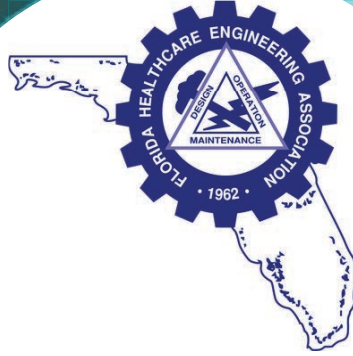


# THE WHISTLE

FLORIDA HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Adam Mayle,  
CHE, CHFM, CHC



### Welcome to another edition of The Whistle and The President's Corner!

These are great times for the members of the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association. The FHEA Annual Trade Show & Educational Conference is coming June 19-21 (if you plan to play in the FHEA golf tournament, you will probably want to arrive on the 18th), and it is shaping up to be a unique and fun experience, to say the least.

We are going to have speakers from AHCA, our ASHE President, a dynamic keynote speaker, an inspiring leadership story from yours truly, as well as the quality training sessions we are quickly becoming known for providing. There are also credits for our licensed Florida architectural and engineering members, and Florida Fire Inspectors. All of this plus a family bbq, WEC horse shows, and a brand-new hotel where almost every room is a studio or suite (at a very low cost).

Did I mention the FHEA Trade Show is on course to be our largest ever? This will be a conference like no other event we have held before, and it should not be missed. I want to give a special thank you to Marty, Sarah, and the Meeting Management Group for continuing to canvas the state of Florida to find these gems that will contract with us at such a reasonable cost. Providing value to our members remains a top priority for us.

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**2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference**  
June 19 - 21

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

A fifth district? It should be no surprise to anyone that Florida is shaped in a way that makes dividing the state into districts that are convenient for everyone very difficult. Attending at least three district meetings a year is the first requirement for the Certified Healthcare Engineer designation and we have many members who live in areas that make attending meetings difficult. The FHEA Board of Directors is sympathetic to those members and has formed a task force to investigate the feasibility of turning the western portions of District 3 and District 4 into a District 5. We obviously don't want to create a district that won't be successful so this team will determine if there is enough interest and if a district in that location would thrive. With the addition of several new members over the last 6 months, I think it has a much better shot at success than it had before. If you have thoughts on this subject, please email me at [gmayle@mhs.net](mailto:gmayle@mhs.net).

Your FHEA Board of Directors has done great things. Over the last year, membership and conference attendance have increased; we developed a new process for selecting conference speakers to help ensure quality and relevance; our supporting members have a forum for voicing their comments and concerns; our conference surveys are overwhelmingly positive; and we are getting ready to have our largest trade show ever inside our largest conference space ever...with horses!!! All these accomplishments can't be attributed to one person or even a few people. Much of what we have accomplished has come from all of us doing the right thing for our members for so long that our members and non-members are recognizing the value, integrity, and philanthropy behind this member-led and training-focused organization.

It's about that time. It is hard to believe, but my term as FHEA State President is coming to an end. It isn't easy to drive a statewide organization forward and accomplish great things in one year, but we have done it and we are still doing it. I mentioned in my first article that I was following in the footsteps of some of the finest people in our industry and I still believe that. This board, the Past Presidents who sit on it, and our staff have been amazing to work with. I also closed out my first article by saying that we will continue improving our organization for all members and there is no question that we have. After the June conference, I will transition into the role of Past President and support Kirk Dickson from District III as he takes the helm, and we will continue to do great things.

It has truly been an honor.

Adam

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Visit <https://www.fhea.org/fhea-2024-annual-meeting>

## Meet Our Keynote Speaker for the 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference: Brett Culp



Our FHEA keynote speaker, Brett Culp, will be speaking to us at the 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference on Thursday, June 20th at 9:15am, at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala. Brett's encouraging presentation will equip you to face fears about change, embrace a spirit of innovation, and move forward with confidence and optimism - he will empower you to find your path to leadership.

Brett is an acclaimed filmmaker and social entrepreneur whose work has inspired audiences around the world. He is the personal cinematographer for music icons, beloved authors, hall of fame athletes, and royal families. Don't miss this year's conference! Register now! For complete information, visit [www.fhea.org](http://www.fhea.org)

## 2024 FHEA TRADE SHOW & ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(as of April 2, 2024)

### Tuesday, June 18, 2024

4:00 - 6:00pm

Registration

7:00 - 9:00pm

FHEA Board Dinner Meeting

### Wednesday, June 19, 2024

8:00am

FHEA Golf Tournament

*(Optional activities on own at The Canyons: Horseback riding, zipling, kayaking)*

8:00am - 6:00pm

Registration

3:00pm

FHEA Trade Show Set-up for exhibitors

4:00 - 5:00pm

WEC Tour (on own)

6:00 - 7:00pm

Informal Welcome Reception and Kids' Meet and Greet

### Thursday, June 20, 2024

7:30am

FHEA Trade Show opens with Continental Breakfast

7:30am

Registration

8:45 - 9:00am

**Welcome to the FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference**  
Call to Order - Adam Mayle, *CHFM, CHE, CHC*; FHEA President

9:00 - 9:15am

Greetings from ASHE  
Skanda Skandavari, *MBA, CHFM, CHC, FASHE*; ASHE President

2024 FHEA TRADE SHOW & ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(as of April 2, 2024)

**Thursday, June 20, 2024**

9:15 - 10:15am

**Keynote Speaker: Brett Culp**  
**The Heart of Healing: Staying Resilient and Optimistic in Healthcare’s Shifting Landscape**

10:15 - 10:45am

FHEA Trade Show Networking Break & Meet n Greet with Brett Culp

10:45 - 11:45am

**Bringing Digitalization to Healthcare Facilities**  
 Speakers: Sanjyot Bhusari, *PE, LEED, AP, CEM* and Cassie Tuggle, *EI*; Affiliated Engineers, Inc.

11:45am - 12:45pm

**Communication Excellence - Elevating Relationships and Safety**  
 Speaker: Mike Canales; Owensboro Community & Technical College

12:45 - 2:00pm

FHEA Trade Show Luncheon

2:00 - 2:30pm

Recognition of retiring Board members; Vote & introduction of new Board members; Engineer & Supporting Member of the Year awards

2:30 - 3:30pm

**Intro to Life Safety for Healthcare and Beyond**  
 Speaker: Holly Ramirez; Summit

3:30 - 4:30pm

**Resiliency: What is Your 96-Hour Plan?**  
 Speaker: Willis McCullough; Unison Energy

4:30 - 6:30pm

FHEA Trade Show Reception  
 Special Guests: Honey & Her Friend

6:30 - 10:30pm

Family BBQ

## 2024 FHEA TRADE SHOW & ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(as of April 2, 2024)

### Friday, June 21, 2024

7:00- 8:30am

Continental Breakfast in FHEA Trade Show

8:30 - 9:30am

#### **Review of New Codes, Standards, Submissions, & Inspection Requirements of AHCA**

Speakers: Eddie Alday and John Altherr; AHCA

9:30 - 10:30am

#### **Integrating AI into Facility Condition Assessments**

Speakers: Michael Ramos and Guido Salas; Raymond

10:30 - 11:00am

FHEA Trade Show Networking Break

11:00am - 12:00pm

#### **How NFPA 70B Requires Switchgear to be Maintained**

Speakers: Martin Perrone; Everything Arc Flash and Joseph Gierbach; TEGG

12:00 - 1:00pm

FHEA Trade Show Luncheon

1:00 - 2:00pm

#### **NFPA 99 “Medical Gas Operation & Management- What are the Requirements?”**

Speaker: Scott Winn; International Code Council, Winn’s Career Education

2:00 -3:00pm

#### **Pushing the Envelope: A Discussion about Building Envelope Commissioning**

Speakers: Guido Salas and Rupesh Gulati; Raymond

3:00pm

Door Prizes and Exhibits Tear down

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## THE JOINT COMMISSION ADDS TWO STANDARDS FOR 2024

The Joint Commission made changes to its Environment of Care (EC) and Life Safety (LS) chapters. First, EC.01.01.01, Element of Performance (EP) 12, is a new EP that was added to clarify that hospitals are required to comply with the National Fire Protection Association’s NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code, 2012 edition, including tentative interim amendments (TIAs) 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5 and 12-6. However, they are not required to comply with chapters 7, 8, 12 and 13. Similarly, LS.01.01.01, EP 8, was added to clarify that hospitals are required to comply with NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code®, 2012 edition, including TIAs 12-1, 12-2, 12-3 and 12-4.

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## ASHE NEWS



### Larry Peterson, CHE, CHFM, CHSP; ASHE Region 4 Liaison

We all know that the rules and regulations for your healthcare facilities are constantly changing and in turn the expectations from our accrediting agencies are also changing. One of your best resources for keeping up with code and standard changes, and how the accrediting agencies are interpreting those changes, is through ASHE. The ASHE website ([ASHE.org](http://ASHE.org)) offers many opportunities to learn about the changes as well as how to manage those changes with your teams and facilities. There are also notices sent directly to members for important information, several publications to keep you informed, and a daily ASHE All Member Community email to allow you to network this information with your peers.

Besides ASHE keeping you informed of regulatory changes, they are your best resource for Advocacy. The ASHE Advocacy team is working to make the regulatory changes fair. Many times, the changes are pushed through committees by those that have the most to gain from those changes. ASHE has successfully fought back against many unnecessary changes that place a burden on you and your facility from a labor and financial perspective. To do this ASHE needs your support. When asked to submit comments about proposed changes, it is in your best interest to respond with comments and provide data to justify why these changes may not be needed. And if you are not a current ASHE member, I encourage you to sign up. The value received far exceeds the cost to join.

It is that time of year again to start making plans for the annual ASHE conference. This is the first year under the new conference name - the Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference, July 21-24, 2024, in Anaheim, California. For those that have been to the conference, you know what a great event it is, and for those that have not, just ask someone who has attended, and you will be ready to sign up. Registration is now open - visit [www.ASHE.org](http://www.ASHE.org) for details.



**Meet the ASHE President, Skanda V. Skandaverl, MBA, CHFM, CHC, FASHE, at the 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference**



## CODES AND STANDARDS

Phil Cardone, CHFM, CHC  
Chair, Codes and Standards Committee

### NFPA 99, 2021 EDITION MANDATES QUALIFIED RESPONSIBLE FACILITY AUTHORITY (RFA) FOR MEDICAL GAS

NFPA 99, formally titled "Health Care Facilities Code," serves as a comprehensive guide for the design, installation, maintenance, and operation of healthcare facilities, with a primary focus on ensuring safety and minimizing risks. The 2021 edition of NFPA 99 places a significant emphasis on the management of medical gases, recognizing their critical role in patient care and safety. Central to these guidelines is the mandate for a designated RFA to oversee medical gas systems within healthcare facilities.

The RFA is an individual or entity responsible for overseeing the management and maintenance of medical gas systems within a healthcare facility. **This individual or entity must possess the requisite knowledge, qualifications, and authority to fulfill their responsibilities effectively.** The appointment of a qualified RFA is crucial for adherence to regulatory requirements, mitigating risks, and ensuring the uninterrupted supply of medical gases essential for patient care.

The responsibilities of the RFA encompass various aspects of medical gas system management, including but not limited to:

- 1. System Design and Installation Oversight:** The RFA is tasked with ensuring that medical gas systems are designed and installed in compliance with relevant codes and standards, considering factors such as system capacity, pressure requirements, and compatibility with medical devices.
- 2. Routine Maintenance and Inspections:** Regular maintenance and inspections are vital to the reliability and safety of medical gas systems. The RFA is responsible for implementing a comprehensive maintenance program, scheduling routine inspections, and addressing any issues promptly to prevent disruptions in gas supply or compromised safety.
- 3. Staff Training and Education:** Healthcare facility staff involved in the operation and maintenance of medical gas systems must receive adequate training and education. The RFA oversees the development and implementation of training programs to ensure that staff members possess the necessary knowledge and skills to handle medical gas systems safely and effectively.
- 4. Emergency Response Preparedness:** In the event of a medical gas system failure or emergency, a swift and coordinated response is essential to minimize risks to patients and personnel. The RFA collaborates with relevant stakeholders to develop emergency response protocols, conduct drills, and establish contingency plans to address potential emergencies effectively.
- 5. Regulatory Compliance:** Compliance with applicable regulations and standards is non-negotiable when it comes to medical gas systems in healthcare facilities. The RFA ensures that all aspects of medical gas system management align with NFPA 99 requirements, as well as other relevant regulations such as those from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Joint Commission.



## EDUCATION UPDATE

John Crouch, FHEA Education Chair

Our Mission, as the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association, is to promote and develop the professional role of the healthcare engineer through effective communication, educational opportunities, and the establishment of professional standards.

In fulfilling this very important mission, we want to be sure you have the following on your calendars and plan to attend:

### 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference

June 19 – 21 (if you are playing golf or participating in other activities, you may want to arrive on June 18th)

World Equestrian Center; Ocala, Florida

Information is available at <https://www.fhea.org/fhea-2024-annual-meeting>

### Approved CE to-date:

- 10 CE units from ASHE
- 5 CE Units for Florida Fire Inspectors
- 10 CE units for Florida Professional Engineers
- 8 CE for units Florida Architects and Interior Designers (1 pending)

Be sure to take advantage of meetings in your Districts as well.

We look forward to your participation and involvement with us! Stay updated at [www.fhea.org](http://www.fhea.org)

## CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS FHEA TRADE SHOW & ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE JUNE 19 - 21, 2024

Besides ASHE Continuing Education Hours, the FHEA will offer continuing education for Florida Professional Engineers, Florida Fire Inspectors, Florida Architects, and Florida Interior Designers. It's important to note that, although the FHEA is a provider for these designations, each course must be pre-approved by the various licensing agencies before CE credits can be awarded by the FHEA. When you attend the conference, if you would like CE for any of the approved referenced designations, complete the tracker form received on site. When you return your form at the end of the conference, your CE certificate will be emailed to you.

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## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



## District II Update

President Paul Hamilton, CHC, CHFM

### CLOSE TO THE END

At some point in our careers, we begin to think seriously about retirement. When that time comes, we need to make sure our facility will be okay going forward. For those of us that have a true passion for our job and really enjoy the facility that we work at, this will be an easy task. The task of planning for the future. Proper training and education are crucial for the longevity of a successful facilities department. There are several different aspects of education that come into play when trying to plan for a successful future. All of us worry about our facilities. Most of us worry about what will happen when I'm gone or retired.

With the help of FHEA that worry can be reduced.

FHEA offers education that is crucial to the Healthcare Engineering industry. Knowing how to do a task is important. Knowing why you must do the task is the reason that you do the task to completion. FHEA provides education that includes specific codes, best practices, and up-to-date education on many subjects.

Please make the time to get your Healthcare Engineers involved in FHEA. Get them involved in the education that is offered by FHEA. Getting them involved may reduce your worries about the facility and the facilities department's future.

### FHEA Membership Logo for 2024

On behalf of the FHEA Board of Directors, thank you for being a member of the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association. Many of you have asked about using the FHEA logo in your signature boxes. The FHEA logo for 2024 was recently sent to current members in good standing. Using this trademarked logo is the only approved use – no other reference to the FHEA can be utilized unless you are on the state FHEA Board or an officer in one of our districts.

Thank you for your participation and support of the FHEA!



## AI – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



Are you still in the dark about AI (Artificial Intelligence)? Like all new technologies, AI can be a little confusing. Many people are unclear in exactly how it can be used in the everyday work environment, but it's important to figure it out now!

AI is probably already being used in your healthcare facilities. It is revolutionary, but it needs to be used safely, ethically, and effectively. As facility managers and healthcare engineers, you should, along with your C-Suite people, develop an AI adoption and training program for your department.

AI is like handling dynamite – it's very effective, but it can blow up if mis-handled. You must understand the risks associated with it (disclosure of confidential proprietary and personally identifying information, data breaches, IP issues, bias, etc.) and create and implement a plan to address them.

Some of your vendors are probably using AI. Make sure your contracts with them address specifically what data is being used, how it's being used, who owns the data and the outcome, indemnification, insurance, etc.

AI is a moving target. Studying it, planning for it, creating policies for it, managing it – this is your new day-to-day project for the foreseeable future. Make sure you have a point person on your team addressing these items.

At the upcoming 2024 FHEA Trade Show & Annual Educational Conference, June 19 – 21, at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Integrating AI into Facility Condition Assessments, will be presented by Michael Ramos and Guido Salas – both AI experts. Don't miss it. Complete trade show and conference information can be found at <https://www.fhea.org/fhea-2024-annual-meeting>

*(Thanks to Francisco Ramos, Jr., Esq.; Clarke Silverglate, PA; Miami, for contributing to this article.)*

## WELCOME NEW HEALTHCARE ENGINEER MEMBERS

(AS OF LAST PUBLICATION)

### JOSEPH ALVORD

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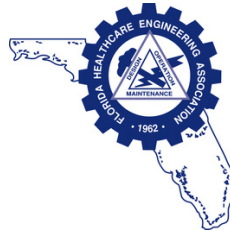
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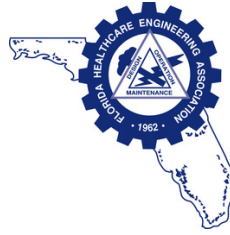
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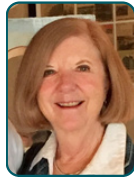
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